

Tokelauan

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1 Language Information

- Source: Hooper (1996)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/toke1240>
- ISO-identifier: tkl
- Speakers:
- Location: Tokelau
- Geneology: Austronesian > Malayo-Polynesian > Central-Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Eastern Malayo-Polynesian > Oceanic > Central Pacific linkage > Tokelau-Fijian > Polynesian > Nuclear Polynesia > Ellicean > Samoan-Tokelauan > Tokelau

2 Nominal Morphology

The pronoun has three forms - singular, dual, and plural, and even a distinction between inclusive and exclusive in dual and plural. Articles indicate whether the noun is singular or plural.

3 Verbal Morphology

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4 Conjunction

ma 'and' can coordinate NPs, modifiers, VPs, and clauses. It can be used as comitative preposition as well. There is a conjunction that expresses temporal sequence - *oi* 'and'. A contrastive conjunction can be expressed by *ka(e)* 'and, but'. *oi* 'and' expresses temporal sequence.

- (1) Ko Tavita ma Ioane kua olo.
PREP Tavita CONJ Ioane T/A go.PL
'David and John have gone.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 35]
- (2) E nonofo ki mā ma te tamaiti.
T/A sit.PL 1DL.EXCL CONJ DET child
'The child and I were sitting there.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 36]
- (3) E tāvili te lalolagi ma tāmiilo i te lā.
T/A rotate DET earth CONJ circle-round LOC DET sun
'The earth rotates [on its axis] and circles round the sun.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 36]
- (4) E talitonu au ki ei ma ko fakaaogā.
T/A believe 1SG PREP PTCL CONJ 1SG CAUS-use
'I believe in it and I make use [of it].' [Hooper, 1996, p. 36]
- (5) Olo ai kae nofo ia Hina.
go.PL PTCL CONJ stay ABS Hina
'[They] went then, and Hina stayed behind.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 36]
- (6) E nofo ia Hina i luga o te vaka, kae fano ia Tokalalaga ki
T/A sit ABS Hina LOC above of the canoe CONJ go ABS Tokalalaga PREP
lalo oi laga ake te faga.
under CONJ lift DIR DET trap
'While Hina sat on the canoe, Tokalalaga dived down below and brought up the fish trap.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 36]
- (7) Kave loa ki māua oi loka i kinā.
carry PTCL 1DL.EXCL CONJ lock-up LOC there
'Then we were carried off and locked up in there.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 37]
- (8) Omai ai ki māua oi tutū ma nā holoholo, kae
come.PL PTCL 1DL.EXCL CONJ stand.PL COM DET handkerchief CONJ wave
tālo ki gāuta kae faitatagi.
PREP shore CONJ weep.PL
'So we came and stood with the handkerchiefs, and waved towards the shore, and cried.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 37]
- (9) Na hau lava te tamaloa oi tatala uma lele nā fāmalama kae nā
T/A come INT DET young-man CONJ open all INT DET window CONJ just
ko te faitotoko e fokotahi te loka.
PTCL DET door T/A one DET lock
'The young man came and opened all the windows, and/but just the one door was [i.e. remained] locked.' [Hooper, 1996, p. 37]

5 Disjunction

Disjunction is marked by *pe* 'or'.

6 Prepositions

Here is list with some prepositions in Tokelau.

1. *i* instrumental, locative, causative
2. *i/i lō* comparison
3. *ki* direction
4. *o/a* possessive
5. *ma* 'as'
6. *talū* 'since, because of'

References

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